



Centre for Human Rights

Advanced Human Rights Course **Policing Lockdown: Accountability and oversight of the criminal justice system in the time of COVID-19**

A short course presented by the Centre for Human Rights, in partnership with the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum and Fair Trials, from 24 to 28 May 2021.

This is a one-week course examining key issues exposed in criminal justice systems during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the increasing securitisation of public health enforcement, the dangers of over-reach by the criminal justice architecture, and the pressures on oversight mechanisms. As societies around the world continue to wrestle with public policy dilemmas related to balancing the needs of different populations through a public health emergency, this course will provide an opportunity to reflect on more than a year of practice and learn lessons in a comparative setting.

This course aims to inform a broad range of stakeholders across the world, including policy makers, practitioners, activists, researchers, and commentators, and to examine and discuss developments at the interface between criminal justice and COVID-19 response. There will also be opportunities for participants to network, collaborate, and strategise to find solutions to address future challenges.

Course Outline

- Overview of key developments in policing and criminal justice during the pandemic;
- The impact of COVID-19 on the human rights protections and safeguards intended to ensure effective police accountability and fair criminal justice worldwide;
- Key fault lines emerging in traditional approaches in promoting accountable, rights-based practices in the criminal justice system;
- Strategies to address challenges through domestic, regional, and international mechanisms.

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- 📅 Course length: **5 days**
- 🕒 Estimated effort: **6+ hours/day**
- 💰 Price: **Free tuition**
- 📖 Course type: **Short course**
- 🌟 Certificate: **On successful completion**
- 🗨 Language: **English**

Course dates
24 - 28
May 2021

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10 May 2021

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